

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : BIOMATERA INC. et al.  
Serial No. : 10/500,473  
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Title : METHOD OF DRYING BIODEGRADABLE BIOPOLYMERS  
Group Art Unit : 3749  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED CONCURRENTLY  
WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND  
A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2008, in relation with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time for replying is filed concurrently with the present response.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.